(c) whether it is a fact that free railway passes are issued to newspersons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Rs. 88.46 crore in 2004-05 and Rs. 92.61 crore in 2005-06.

(b) These advertisements are released to the newspapers approved by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) based on their standing, circulation, place of publication, target area, availability of funds, etc. on rotation basis to a limited number of publications for a particular insertion.

(e) Single to & fro journey passes are issued in favour of news-persons occasionally for covering events connected with Railway working with the approval of the Competent Authority in relaxation of extant rules.

Opening up passenger train service to private sector

1939. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open up passenger train services to the private sector, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Services announced in rail budget

1940. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the train services announced in 2006-07 railway budget have been started;

(b) if so, the names/details of the trains service which have been introduced, so far, and which are to be introduced and by when; and

(c) the programme envisaged by Railways to start the remaining passenger trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The train services announced in Rail Budgets are introduced during the course of the ensuing financial year. The train services of Budget 2006-07 introduced so far and to be introduced are given in Statement *(See* below). The remaining services will be introduced during the current financial year on availability of rolling stock, completion of projects including gauge conversion works and new lines, completion of terminal facilities etc.

Statement

Budget 2006-07 services provided so far

Introduction 2006-07

SI.	Train No.	Train name
1	3153A/3154A	Radhikapur-Sealdah Link Express with 3453/ 3454 Gour Express (daily)
2	219/220	Mailani-Palia Kalan Passenger (MG) (daily)
3	2855/2856	Nagpur-Raipur Intercity Express (daily)
4	MA-1/MA-2	Mathura-Alwar Passenger (Daily)
5	4207/4208	Delhi-Raibarely Express (tri-weekly)
6	8509/8510	Visakhapatnam-Nizamabad Express (bi-weekly)
7	2869/2870	Howrah-Mumbai Express (weekly)
8	8415/8416/ 8417/8418	Howrah-Pun Express (bi-weekly)
9	9323/9324	Indore-Bhopal Intercity Express (daily)
10	5281/5282	Saharsa-Patna Kosi Express (daily)
11	2103/2104	Pune-Lucknow Express (weekly)
12	2851/2852	Chennai-Bilaspur Express (weekly)
13	2203/2204	Saharsa-Amritsar Garbi Rath (AC) (bi-weekly)
14	7JN/8JN	Jallandhar City-Nakodar DMU (daily)

Sl.	Train No.	Train name
15	1449/1450	Jabalpur-Jammu Tawi Express (weekly)
16	6531/6532	Yeswantpur-Ajmer Garid Nawaj Express (weekly)
17	2695/2696	Chennai-Tiruvananthapuram Express (Daily)
18	209/210	Machilipatnam-Tirupati Fast Passenger (triweekly)
19	483/484	Bankura-Ranchi (Hatia) Passenger via Purulia
20	5715/5716	Kishanganj-Ajmer Garib Nawaj Express (weekly)
21	5BA/6BA	Asansol-Bokaro (MEMU)
22	211/212	Gudur-Tirupati Passenger (daily)
23	2667/2668	Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil Express (weekly)
24	2697/2698	Chennai-Tiruvananthapuram Express (weekly)
25	2681/2682	Chennai-Coimbatore Express (weekly)
26	2685/2686	Chennai-Mangalore Express (tri-weekly)
27	6733/6734	Madurai-Tirupati-Manmad Express (weekly)
28	483/484	Hajipur-Sonpur-Chhapra-Siwan-Thawe Passenger (daily)
29	9269/9270	Motihari-Porbander Express (weekly)
30	6315/6316	Bangalore-Emakulam (Kochuveli) Express (weekly)
Extensions—2006-07		
1	7203/7204	Vijaywada-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express to Kakinada Town & Bhavnagar
2	6231/6232	Mysore-Kumbakonam Express to Mayiladuturai
3	823/824	Tiruchhirappalli-Kumbakonam Passenger
4	895/896	Tiruchhirappalli-Thanjavur Passenger to' Mayiladuturai
5	1271/1272	Itarsi-Bina Vindhyachal Express to Habibganj
6	1469/1470	Jabalpur-Kota Express to Jaipur
7	193/194	Jaipur-Kota Passenger to Shamgarh

SI.	Train No.	Train name
8	207/208	Okha-Surendranagar Passenger to Bhavnagar
9	211/212	Puri-Sambalpur Passenger to Rourkela
10	4845/4846	Jodhpur-Ahmedabad Express to Bandra (T)
11	6311/6312	Tiruvananthapuram-Jodhpur Express to Bikaner
12	8305/8306	Raipur-Sambalpur Express to Bhubaneswar
13	9777/9778	Jaipur-Agra Fort Express to Gwalior
14	8239/8240	Bilaspur-ltwari Express to Nagpur
15	1095/1096	Pune-Ahmedabad Ahimsa Express (tri-weekly) to Jodhpur (once a week)
16	8467/8468	Puri-Jaipur Express to Jodhpur
17	1321/1322	Pune-Nanded/Mudkhed Passenger to Nizamabad
18	2555/2556	Gorakhpur-Rohtak Gorakhdham Express to Bhiwani
19	5631/5632	Guwahati-Jodhpur to Barmer
20	9105/9106	Ahmedabad-Delhi Mail to Haridwar
21	4887/4888	Haridwar/Kalka-Jodhpur Express to Barmer
22	2967/2968	Jaipur-Chennai Express (tri-weekly) to Coimbatore once a week
23	355/356	Hyderabad-Chittapur Passenger to Wadi
24	439	Tirupati-Ongole Passenger to Chirala
25	385/386	Sholapur-Bijapur Passenger to Bagalkot
26	6513/6514	Bangalore-Bijapur Express to Bagalkot ***Increase in frequency (2006-07)***

SI.	Train No.	Train name
1	2661/2662	Chennai Egmore-Tenkasi Pothigai Express from bi-weekly to 3 days in a week
2	377/378	Belgaum-Miraj Passenger from 5 days in a week to 6 days in a week

Sl.	Train No.	Train name
3	379/380	Belgaum-Miraj Passenger from 4 days in a week to 6 days in a week
4	2501/2502	New Delhi-Guwahati Sampark Kranti from bi-weekly to tri-weekly
5	2327/2328	Howrah-Dehradun Upasana Express from weekly to bi-weekly
6	2811/2812	Hatia-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express from weekly to bi-weekly
7	5625/5626	Bangalore-Guwahati Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly
8	2345/2346	Howrah-Guwahati Saraighat Express from triweekly to 5 days in a week
9	4319/4320	Kathgodam-Dehradun Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly
10	2683/2684	Bangalore-Ernakulam Express from weekly to bi-weekly
11	1037/1038	Patna-Pune Express from weekly to bi-weekly
12	2715/2716	Amritsar-Nanded Sachkhand Express from 5 days in a week to daily
Budget 2006-07 services to be provided		
introduction 2006-07		
1	1067A/1068A	Rae Bareli-Pratapgarh-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Link Express (bi-weekly)
2	2611/2612	Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Chennai Garib Rath (AC) (weekly)
3	2889/2890	Tatanagar-Yesvantpur Express (weekly)
4	2891/2892	Bhubaneswar-Baripada Express (tri-weekly)
5	2897/2898	Bhubaneswar-Pondicherry Express (weekly)
6	2909/2910	Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Mumbai (Bandra) Garib Rath (AC) (weekly)

SI.	Train No.	Train name
7	2911/2912	Delhi (Nizamuddin)-Patna Garib Rath (AC) (tri-weekly)
8	2947/2948	Ahmedabad-PatnaAzimabad Express (weekly)
9	3155/3156	Darbhanga-Kolkata (Chitpur) Mithilanchal Express (bi-weekly)
10	3157/3158	Muzaffarpur-Kolkata (Chitpur) Tirhut Express (weekly)
11	3159/3160	Jogbani-Kolkata Express (tri-weekly) (after gauge conversion)
12	4321/4322	Bhuj-Bareilly Express (tri-weekly)
13	4601/4602	Sonpur-Chhapra-Jammu Tawi Mour Dhwaj Express (weekly)
14	5277/5278	Bangalore-Darbhanga Express *via* Chennai, Patna (weekly)
15	5279/5280	Delhi (New Azadpur)-Saharsa Poorabiya Express *via* Lucknow (weekly)
16	551/552	Purna-Adilabad Passenger (after gauge conversion) (weekly)
17	553/554	Nanded-Adilabad Passenger (after gauge conversion) (daily)
18	7609/7610	Purna-Nanded-Patna Express (after gauge conversion) (weekly)
19	8205/8206	Durg-Gorakhpur Express *via* Faizabad (weekly)
20	8631/8632	Ajmer-Ranchi Garib Nawaj Express *via* Varanasi (weekly)
21	9051/9052	Valsad-Udhna (Surat)-Chhapra-Sonpur Shramik Express (weekly)
22	2943/2944	Valsad-Udhna (Surat)-Kanpur Udyogkarmi Express (weekly)
23	9781/9782	Jaipur-Amritsar Express (bi-weekly)
24		Link Express between Darbhanga and Guwahati with 5690/561 OAvadh-Assam Express (daily)

SI	Train No.	Train name
25		Madurai-Rameswaram Passenger (after gauge conversion) (daily)
26		Ajmer-Udaipur City Express (after gauge conversion)
27		Kumarghat-Agartala (after commissioning of new metre gauge line) (daily)
Extension 2006-07		
1	3245/3246	Danapur-New Jalpaiguri Capital Express to Kamakhya (Guwahati) (4 days a week)
2	4201/4202	Mathura-Lucknow Express *(via* Faizabad-Varanasi) to Patna (3 days a week)
3	5267/5268	Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Muzaffarpur Express to Raxaul
4	6039/6040	Chennai-Varanasi Ganga Kaveri Express to Chhapra (2 days a week)
5	7227/7228	Vasco-Vijayawada Express (4 days a week) to Howrah
6	751/752	Madurai-Manamadurai Passenger to Rameswaram (after gauge conversion)
7	753/754	Madurai-Manamadurai Passenger to Rameswaram (after gauge conversion)
3	7605/7606	Mumoai-Nanded Nandlgram Express to Nagpur (after gauge conversion)
9	8507/8508	Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Hirakud Express to Amritsar
10	8563/8564	Bangalore-Visakhapatnam Prashanti Express to Bhubaneswar
11	IDM/2DM	Delhi-Meerut City Passenger to Muzaffarnagar